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11 July 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Assistant Director, OSA

SUBJECT : Project "O"  
(Relationship with Supersonic Transport)

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1. At 1340 this date, [ ] Executive Assistant to the DCI telephonically contacted the writer. He advised that Najeeb Halaby was desirous of setting up a discussion with regard to the supersonic transport with Secretary McNamara, Secretary Zuckert, the DCI and two gentlemen presumably from Halaby's shop, Mr. Gordon and Mr. Bain. [ ] mentioned that the DCI had stated that Messrs. Gordon and Bain had better have the clearance ("O"), or there was no point in their attending the meeting, and they might as well go someplace and drink tea. [ ] requested me to determine their clearance status.

2. A review of the Security Staff indices reflected that Gordon M. Bain of the FAA was cleared and briefed Project "O" on 29 April 1963. This was incidental to the desire of Mr. Halaby to have one of his officials engage in discussions with Kelly Johnson with regard to Project "O" experience and its possible application to the SST.

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3. I called [ ] back at 1348 and informed him that the Messrs. Gordon and Bain referred to was, in fact, probably Gordon M. Bain, and I gave him the background information of his clearance status. [ ] expressed his appreciation and stated that there might still be a problem since he understood the DCI to say that

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there were two other individuals involved and since we consolidated Mr. Gordon and Mr. Bain he would check further to see if another party was involved.

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